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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on January 13, 2005 (Paper No. 20050107) (hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action"). A separate petition for a three-month extension of time to respond is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.